

Halldale PTA News Notes

Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, President, and Mrs. G. W. Ebersole, Community Chest Chairman, representing Halldale P.T.A., attended a meeting planned by the Lomita-San Pedro Council, for Community Chest Officials and P.T.A. presidents, Thursday, at the San Pedro Community Chest Center.

With Mrs. Don Wolf, president of the Council presiding, the group discussed plans for the Community Chest campaign.

X-RAY UNIT

At a meeting in the home of Mrs. E. R. Reese, 20938 LaSalle Avenue, Torrance, Tuesday evening, The Halldale P.T.A. health committee and the Shoestring Assn. board members discussed plans to sponsor a mobile chest X-ray unit for the Shoestring Strip.

A committee appointed to work on the project included Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, President, of the Halldale P.T.A., serving as location chairman, Mrs. J. D. Edens, health chairman for the Strip and Halldale P.T.A., Mrs. John Wright, hostess, Mrs. Agnes Foster, religious organization, Mrs. Minot Rugg, canvassing chairman, and Mr. Marvin Hiebert, industry and business chairman. November 20, was set as a tentative date for the unit's use in the Strip.

ATTENDS MEETING

Mrs. E. M. Bernardin, President of the Halldale P.T.A. was present at the first meeting of the Lomita-San Pedro Council held at Torrance Park Tuesday, August 22.

Following the business meeting, presided over by Mrs. Don Wolf, president of the council, members enjoyed a pot luck luncheon.

Facilitation Of Absentee Ballots Sought

WASHINGTON, Aug. 14 — Amendment of the Federal law to facilitate voting by members of the armed forces in order to assure prompt receipt of absentee ballots in Korea was sought in the House Wednesday by Rep. Richard Nixon, Republican nominee for the Senate from California.

Terms of the existing statute provide free air mail postage for GI ballots, provided, however, that "a State balloting unit, composed of ballot, voting instructions, and envelopes, must not exceed in weight the total of one ounce."

Nixon, after conferring by long distance telephone with Benjamin S. Hite, Los Angeles County Registrar of Voters, said the one ounce limitation on free air mail postage would prevent California absentee ballots from reaching the fighting forces in Korea in time for them to be returned before the deadline provided by California law. He said the same situation undoubtedly would prevail in most other states.

"The mailing envelope, the ballot itself, the usual printed matter, explaining the various propositions on the ballot, and the return envelope obviously will weigh more than an ounce, which means that the Post Office Department will refuse to accept the material for free air mail transportation," Nixon pointed out. "Since California law, for example, provides that absentee ballots cannot be mailed before October 18, and must be returned by November 13, sea transportation of ballots, one way or both, would be slow to permit our servicemen in Korea to exercise their voting rights."

Chest Drive Organization Now Underway

Organization work for the coming Community Chest drive was discussed at a meeting last Tuesday night at the home of Sam Levy of Torrance, Harbor Area chairman.

Local chairmen of the Harbor Area, which includes Torrance, Gardena, Lomita, Harbor City, Rolling Hills, Palos Verdes, San Pedro, and Wilmington, met at the home of Levy, general chairman, to receive instructions and be briefed on the coming drive, scheduled to begin in October. All committees, however, according to Sam Levy, have to be appointed by September 14. Levy also said that because of the use of some of last year's reserve for this year, at least 20% more than last year's contributions will be needed.

The probable need of U. S. O. and service work for the coming year requires that this year's Community Chest Drive be a great success, said Levy.

Planning Trip

Mrs. Ruth Deems of 2064 West 220th Street, Torrance is planning on making a trip to the Northern part of the state in the very near future.

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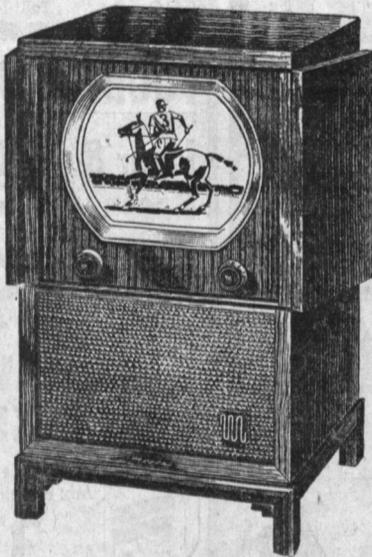
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